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## Perpich senior in media arts win national recognition in cinema

Satya Varghese Mac, a Powderhorn resident and a senior in media arts at Perpich Arts High School, has received a top award in the National YoungArts 2015 Competition. He has received a Merit Award for cinema. Only 21 students in the U.S. received merit awards in this division.

He was among more than 11,000 student applicants. Of those, only 786 YoungArts winners were named in the visual, literary, design and performing arts. These young artists represent some of the nation's very best in cinematic arts, dance, design arts, jazz, music, photography, theater, visual arts, voice and writing.

As a Merit Award winner, Satya will receive a certificate, medallion and letter of recommendation. He also will be invited to participate in regional programs sponsored by YoungArts.

The National YoungArts Foundation (formerly known as the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts) was established in 1981 to identify and support the next generation of artists and to contribute to the cultural vitality of the nation by investing in the artistic development of talented young artists in the visual, literary, design and performing arts.

With the guidance of YoungArts artistic advisers Plácido Domingo, Frank Gehry, Bill T. Jones and others, YoungArts provides these emerging artists with life-changing experiences and validation by renowned mentors, access to significant scholarships, national recognition and other opportunities throughout their careers.

Perpich Arts High School, located in Golden Valley, is an innovative, arts-based program that serves 11th- and 12-grade students from throughout Minnesota. It has programs in dance, literary arts, media arts, music, theater and visual arts and a demanding academic curriculum. It is part of Perpich Center for Arts Education, a state agency created in 1985 by the state legislature to advance K-12 education by teaching in and through the arts.

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